# **DFG Climate College**

## Lecture #5





Title: Go Big or Go Home: Collaborative Partnerships in a Changing Climate

Speakers: Diana Craig, Regional Wildlife Ecologist, U.S. Forest Service

Emily Young, Senior Director of Environment Analysis and Strategy, San Diego

Foundation

Date: January 15, 2013 (Tuesday)

Time: 1:30 - 2:30PM

**Location**: DFG headquarters in Sacramento, Resources Agency Auditorium

**WebEx:** Lecture also available to view via WebEx. We encourage DFG staff participating

remotely to watch the lectures together by reserving a conference room with DSL. The powerpoint presentation will be posted in advance to minimize interruption for remote users due to WebEx or bandwidth complications. Because of a limit to the number of WebEx participants, we encourage those in the Sacramento area to attend

in person.

#### **Registration for Lecture #5**

DFG STAFF CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS: If you are not a DFG staff member please email Registrar@wildlife.ca.gov with your name, email address, organization, and whether or not you intend to participate in-person or via WebEx.

\*Note: Please register at least two days prior to the lecture. If you would like to be registered for ALL classes at once, please submit a request to Registrar@Wildlife.ca.gov.

#### Suggested reading materials recommended by the speakers

- California Landscape Conservation Cooperative website: http://californialcc.org
- Project Proposal: "From Awareness to Action: A Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Strategies for Focal Resources of the Sierra Nevada": http://climate.calcommons.org/sites/default/files/proposals/proposal\_06.pdf
- San Diego's Changing Climate: A Regional Wake Up Call
- Climate Action Progress in the San Diego Region

#### **Speaker Biographies**

### Diana Craig

Diana L. Craig is the Deputy Director of the Ecosystem Management Staff for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5) of the U.S. Forest Service, covering 18 National Forests on 20 million acres throughout State of California. In addition, Diana is currently serving as the Chair of the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) Steering Committee.

During her 22 ½ years with the U.S. Forest Service, Diana has served in various technical and managerial positions at the forest and regional levels, including Tahoe National Forest Wildlife Biologist, Regional Partners in Flight Coordinator, Sierra Nevada Forests MIS Amendment Team Leader, Regional Wildlife Program Manager, and Regional Wildlife Ecologist. In

addition to being involved with the California LCC since its inception in 2010, Diana has participated in numerous partnership efforts, including the California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision Stakeholder Advisory Group, the California Essential Habitat Connectivity Project Technical Advisory Group, the Region 5 Climate Change Integration Team, the Pacific Southwest Region Recreation Fee Board, and the DFG Climate Science Program Stakeholder Group. In her current position, Diana supervises a staff of 25 which provides leadership, guidance, and assistance to national forest and regional staffs in the areas of wildlife, fish, botany, hydrology, soils, watersheds, terrestrial and aquatic ecology, sustainable operations, Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation, invasive species, silviculture, geology and minerals, timber management, and rangeland management.

Diana holds a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife zoology and a Master of Science degree in biology, both from San Jose State University. Diana and her husband of 27 years have an 18-year-old son, a very large Bernese mountain dog, and a much smaller cat; in addition to spending time with her family, Diana enjoys watching movies and plays with her son, traveling, birding, walking, and reading.

#### Emily Young

Emily works with community volunteers, donors and other foundations to direct charitable giving to the region's critical environmental needs. Her work at The Foundation is focused in three areas: conservation of globally significant, biodiversity hotspots in Southern California, community-based efforts to eliminate toxic substances which revitalize green spaces, and regional efforts to address climate change through mitigation and adaptation. Before she joined The Foundation, Dr. Young was an assistant professor at the University of Arizona, where she taught courses on environment and society, geography, and Latin America. She also lived and worked in Baja California, Mexico, where she conducted field research on wildlife protection, community-based conservation, and sustainable development in coastal areas of Baja California. Along with professional work, Emily has volunteered and served on boards for a variety of environmental organizations and advisory committees. Dr. Young was recently awarded the 2011 Nicholas P. Bollman Award, which recognizes Smart Growth Leaders Who Inspire through Values and Actions.

#### Optional additional companion webinars from the National Climate Academy



Conservation and the LCC Network, Jean Brennan, Appalachian LCC Coordinator